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Jan. 21, 2004

Dear Mr. Nelson,

At a meeting held at the field office on Jan. 7, 2004, I had occasion to discuss with Michael Ford and yourself, the possibility of gaining an extension to the deadline for posting of the reclamation bond for the Enterprise Mill site (UTU-72297). Some weeks prior to the meeting I had discussed with Michael my desire to reduce the administrative costs of the bond estimate, and thus reduce the overall bond estimate figure through additional reclamation of the site prior to the date for requirement of the bonds' being posted. He informed me that the BLM would support my desire, and would be willing to recalculate the bond following the completion of this additional reclamation work. We discussed the different treatments that could bring this about such as removing all waste rock, and any deleterious items that still remain, together with removal of some of the equipment such as trucks, trailers, etc.

I immediately set about to find a suitable and acceptable depository for the waste rock. I thought that I would be able to use the adjacent county landfill since the waste rock is clean and free of any contaminants, but upon inquiry I was informed that the landfill had been closed. I then approached several land owners in the immediate area, but to no avail. While I was thus engaged winter hit with a fury. The Park Valley area has set records for cold and measurable precip. for the recent period. It is impossible to dig into the waste rock piles as they have become frozen, and the depth of the snow at the mill site is 18". Maneuverability has become next to impossible as well. It is a real nightmare. We have been unable to start and operate our machinery with any consistency at all. The #2 diesel in the equipment has jelled, batteries have died, etc.

For these and other reasons I would greatly appreciate your kind consideration of an extension of 90 days for the completion of this additional reclamation work prior to the re-figuring of the bond estimate. I feel the time requested is reasonable principally because it may become necessary to remove the waste rock to the quarry if no acceptable depository for the waste rock can be found in the immediate area. I will continue to work at the cleaning up and removal of trucks and equipment, so that as the weather moderates all that will remain will be removal of the waste rock. I thank you for your consideration in this matter, and await your reply.

Sincerely,

Bonneville Quarries, Inc.

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